

# TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 24th November, 1922.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven Thirty of the Clock. The President was in the chair.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

### Vegetable Garden in the Public Gardens.

87. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI : (a) Will the Government be pleased to say when the vegetable garden was opened in the Public Gardens and whether it was opened with the sanction of Government?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state the annual cost of maintaining this vegetable garden?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the vegetables grown there are sold to the public, and, if so, what amount was realised on this account in 1927?

(d) Are the Government aware that there are no vegetable gardens attached to any of the botanical gardens in India or Ceylon?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI : (a) The vegetable garden was reopened in Edavam, 1927; in the place where it formerly used to be. No formal sanction of Government was sought for opening it, nor is one required.

(b) The initial cost of reopening the garden was Rs. 17-ches. 19-c. 4. There are no data available to show what the annual cost of the old garden was.

(c) The vegetables have been regularly sold to the public since Chingam, 1928, when they could be had in saleable quantities.

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

A sum of Rs. 2-chs. 9-c. 6 was realised up to the end of Karkadakam, 1097, by the sale of vegetables till then.

(d) Government have no information.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: With reference to part (b) may I know what is the annual cost of maintaining the garden?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is there. It says that no data are available as regards the annual cost of the old garden.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: What is the annual cost of the present garden?

PRESIDENT: It is not yet one year since the present garden was opened.

#### The Para Measure.

88. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have recognised the *Agrasala para* as equivalent to the standard *para*?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state at what rate Government have sanctioned or recognised the conversion of the *Devaswom* (Vaikam) *para* into the standard *para* or the *Agrasala para*?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) *Devaswom para* or the *Chandira para* is the same as the *Agrasala para* of 640 cubic inches, the standard *para* being of the capacity of 800 cubic inches. Hence the conversion of the *Devaswom para* into terms of the standard *para* is generally made as 800:640, i. e., by the reduction of one-fifth. At Vaikam, however, the *Tevarnazhi para* was in use as per *Pathivu kanakku* of 994 M. E. From that *kanaku*, it is seen that the *Tevarnazhi para* (Vaikam) is equal to  $15/16$  of the *Agrasala para*, having only the capacity of 600 cubic inches, i. e., three-fourths of the standard *para*.

#### Establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Changanachery.

89. MR. J. JOHN NIDIY: (a) Are the Government aware of the difficulties experienced by the people of the town of Changanachery and of the neighbouring *pakuthies* of that town, because they have no Magistrate of their own?

(b) Do the Government propose to take any steps to remove the hardships caused to the people by the recent changes in the territorial jurisdiction of Magistrates?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.